

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL
MAY 11, 2006
MINUTES**

The Williamsburg City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Messrs. Haulman, Scruggs, Chohany and Freiling. Also present were City Manager Tuttle, City Attorney Phillips, and City Clerk Crist.

Staff Attending: Assistant City Manager Miller, Economic Development Director DeWitt, and Department Heads Hudson, Nester, Serra, Yost, Weiler, and Hudson.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zeidler called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Scruggs Moved That City Council Approve of the Minutes of April 10 and 13, 2006. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Freiling.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Designation of Business Appreciation Week—May 14-20, 2006, *Proposed Resolution #06-10*

Reference for this matter was Mr. Tuttle's report dated May 1, 2006, which included a copy of the proposed resolution. Ms. DeWitt, Economic Development Manager, said that Governor Kaine has proclaimed Business Appreciation Week in Virginia and has asked all localities to do the same. In addition to the city's resolution recognizing Business Appreciation Week, the city will mail cards of appreciation to the 1,300 city businesses, thanking them for their contributions and investments for the community. Ms. DeWitt read the resolution.

Mayor Zeidler thanked Ms. DeWitt for her work to bring this resolution forward and for recognizing city businesses.

Mr. Chohany Moved That City Council Adopt Proposed Resolution #06-10, Business Appreciation Week. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Freiling.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

PUBLIC HEARING

PCR #06-005: Request of W-JCC Public Schools for a Special Use Permit to Place a Double-Wide Classroom Trailer at Matthew Whaley Elementary School

Reference for this item was Mr. Nester's report dated May 11, 2006. Mr. Nester presented a Powerpoint site plan and photographs of the area and streets around the proposed trailer. He stated that the schools are requesting a special use permit to place the double-wide classroom trailer (two classrooms) at the rear of Matthew Whaley School for a period of one year beginning July 1. The school is over capacity and more new students are expected. The Architectural Review Board approved the classroom trailer, which will be sided in Hardiplank and painted to blend with the existing school. Planning Commission held a public hearing on this item and recommended that the special use permit be approved.

Mayor Zeidler opened the public hearing.

Ginger Crapse, 138 Mimosa Drive, spoke in opposition to the trailer and stated that approving this SUP would be rewarding incompetence by the schools and no proper planning for the need. However, the children should not be punished for the incompetence of the school board. There is a fiduciary responsibility to find a secondary use for the trailer. The Redevelopment and Housing Authority should use the trailer for affordable housing. She urged Council not to act quickly on this, but to find an answer to use the trailer for affordable housing.

No one else wished to speak. The hearing was closed.

Mr. Haulman stated that he would vote against this permit for the following reasons:

1. The school administration has been unwilling to consult with the city prior to announcing its solution to the issue.
2. The inability of the school administration to understand the unique character of this city.
3. The unwillingness of the school administration to seriously consider viable alternatives when asked to do so.
4. The realization that this is a mode of operation endemic to this school administration.

Mr. Haulman explained that he would vote "no" to make it clear that responding to a direct request by offering a Hobson's Choice is not acceptable. His vote was intended to send a message that cherry picking research results and using them as a basis for analysis and policy would earn an "F" in any classroom and should earn the same from this community. Aiming for schools that are okay is not acceptable in a community where excellence is the objective for all our schools. The administration's ham-handed approach and its push for policies that are at odds with the values of our community have created uncertainty, anxiety, and division within the community. In the past, this community has operated with admirable civility and cooperation. The lack of affective administration leadership must not, and cannot, continue.

Mr. Nester responded to Mr. Chohany that the noise from the HVAC and mechanical equipment should not be an issue. Mr. Chohany agreed that a secondary use for the classroom trailer should be investigated.

Mr. Scruggs noted that the trailers are a fact of life in a growing school system. He trusted the decision of the schools, and felt there was a need for the trailers for the children. There should be a way to recycle the trailers. It was disappointing to see that money was spent to re-side the trailer—he would rather the money go into education.

Mr. Freiling said that when this issue was brought up at the School Liaison meeting, he had concerns about preserving the integrity of this historical landmark and the affect on the aesthetic character of the surrounding community. The trailer as proposed helps to minimize the visual impact. The children cannot be held hostage; overcrowding is unacceptable because of the detrimental impact on education and the dedicated efforts of staff. The real culprit here is population growth.

The Mayor said she would like in the future to have a process that begins earlier, is more open, and communicates better between all parties. The city has approved other trailers at other city school sites. This school is on the National Register and that is why people are so concerned. The siding will help the trailer look better and is more in keeping with the surrounding area. The need exists for extra space at the school, and she supported this request.

Bruce Abbott, AES Consulting Engineers, worked on the plan for the trailer and talked with the Housing Authority about using the trailer as housing. He explained the issues that prohibited using the trailer for housing. He addressed the placement of the trailer on the site and construction/insulation of the trailer.

Mr. Scruggs Moved That City Council Approve the Request of Williamsburg-James City County Schools for a Special Use Permit to Place a Temporary Classroom Trailer at Matthew Whaley School, 301 Scotland Street. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Freiling.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Chohany

No: Haulman

PCR #06-008: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Violations and Penalties, Proposed Ordinance #06-14

Reference for this item was Mr. Nester's report dated May 4, 2006. Mr. Nester explained that this proposed ordinance clarifies that in the case of a Zoning Ordinance violation, the property owner can be held responsible since the owner has the ultimate control and authority over the development, maintenance, use and occupancy of the property. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this request and recommended that the ordinance be adopted with one change to paragraph D clarifying the word "tenant."

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

No one wished to speak. The hearing was closed.

Mr. Scruggs Moved That City Council Adopt Proposed Ordinance #06-14, An Ordinance to Amend and Restate Section 21-29 of Chapter 21, Article II, Division 1 of the Code of the City

of Williamsburg, By Specifying Those Persons Responsible for Violations of the Zoning Ordinance. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

BUDGET ADOPTION

Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2006, Resolution #06-13 (Schedule A-- Proposed Budget; Schedule B--Local Tax Levy; Schedule C—Capital Improvements) And

Proposed Water Rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons/increase in connection and availability fees, Proposed Ordinance #06-10

Council members received a copy of the proposed budget resolution (Schedules A, B, C) and the proposed ordinance to increase water rates and fees. Mr. Tuttle said that the budget process is concluding. The resolution appropriates funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, including the General Fund, Utility Fund, local tax levies, and Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Freiling thanked staff for their hard work on the budget.

Mr. Chohany Moved That City Council Adopt Proposed Resolution #06-13, Budget Adoption Fiscal Year 2006-2007. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None (SEE ATTACHED ADOPTED RESOLUTION #06-13)

The Mayor said the proposed ordinance adopts the new water rate and schedule of fees.

Mr. Freiling Moved That City Council Adopt Proposed Ordinance #06-10, An Ordinance to Amend Section 19-76(a), 19-4, and 19-7 (b)(1) of the Code of the City of Williamsburg Governing Water Rates and Fees. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None (SEE ATTACHED ADOPTED ORDINANCE #06-10)

REPORTS

Financial Statement

The Monthly Financial Report was Received and Ordered Filed.

Mr. Tuttle was pleased to report that three long term debts will soon be retired.

Monthly Departmental Operating Reports

The Monthly Departmental Reports were Received and Ordered Filed.

City Manager Reports

Quarterpath Road Public Private Transportation Act (PPTA)

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated May 3, 2006, regarding the Quarterpath Road PPTA. This PPTA is proposed as part of the proffers for the Village at Quarterpath (previously approved by Council). Branscome Incorporated has submitted a conceptual proposal for the Quarterpath Road widening and improvement project. Mr. Nester reviewed a Powerpoint drawing of the area and proposed two-lane road. Notice of the project was properly posted and no alternate proposals were submitted. Virginia Department of Transportation has signed off on the project. City staff has reviewed the proposal from Branscome which was in accordance with the criteria of the guidelines and was found to be acceptable. The next step will be to negotiate a comprehensive agreement between the city and Branscome. The agreement must be contingent upon an agreement from Riverside to provide its share of the funds and the city must obtain several pieces of right-of-way from Colonial Williamsburg. Mr. Nester gave the recommendation.

Council members were pleased to see the progress that is being made in this portion of the city. Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Nester addressed the costs of the project as proffered and the plans for on-street parking. Mr. Haulman and Mr. Chohany hoped that underground wiring will be considered for this project. Mr. Nester said this section of the road is independent from the plans for the rest of Quarterpath Road. Mr. Haulman and Mr. Freiling noted that there would be extensive removal of trees and landscape for this road and multi-purpose trail. Mr. Freiling appealed that the landscape be preserved as much as possible. Mayor Zeidler was pleased to see these improvements begin and hoped there would be a landscaping plan for the project.

Mr. Freiling Moved that City Council Appoint a Working Group, Chaired by the City Manager (including the City Attorney, Public Works Director, City Engineer, and Planning Director), to Negotiate the Comprehensive Agreement with Branscome Incorporated for the Quarterpath Road PPTA, and to Consider the Feasibility of Including the York Street/Quarterpath Road Intersection and/or Underground Wiring as a Part of the PPTA. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Chohany.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

Police, Fire, and Library Roof Replacement—Award of Bid

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated May 1, 2006. Mr. Clayton reviewed the information provided in the report. TAM Associates, a local engineering firm, prepared the plans and specifications for the roof replacements. Using a Powerpoint presentation, Mr. Clayton explained that five bids were received and reviewed. Mr. Clayton recognized Dick Brown, Facilities Manager, and Tim Mills with TAM Associates. Roof Engineering was the low bidder on the base bid plus Alternate A at \$606,985. The recommendation was to authorize the City Manager to award the bid to Roof Engineering.

Council members briefly discussed the bid process and results. They agreed this work was needed and appreciated the work of staff.

Mr. Chohany Moved That City Council Authorize the City Manager to Award the Bid and Execute a Contract With Roof Engineering in the Amount of \$606,985 for Roof Replacements to the Police, Fire and Library Buildings. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

Development of a Regional Plan to Address Homelessness, Proposed Resolution #06-11

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated May 4, 2006, which included a copy of the proposed resolution. Mr. Tuttle reported that last year, the Virginia Peninsula Mayors and Chairs established a Commission on Homelessness to study homelessness on the Peninsula. The report discussed public and private efforts to address the needs of the homeless, and identified gaps in service. Last November, a joint task force consisting of governmental and agency representatives presented the Mayors and Chairs with their findings in a report entitled, *Framework for Building a Successful Regional Plan to End Homelessness*.

The Commission's report included a list of recommendations which City Council and the other governing bodies have been requested to endorse. Mr. Tuttle recommended that Council adopt the proposed resolution which authorizes him to collaborate with other Peninsula localities to implement the recommendations for the development of a Regional Plan to End Homelessness. Several months ago, Mr. Walentisch provided Council with a detailed report on the work of the commission.

Council members appreciated the work of Mr. Walentisch and his department, and this regional effort to end homelessness. Mr. Freiling commented that a plan will not end homelessness, but this is a step in the right direction to address the needs of an often underrepresented segment of this community. The Mayor noted that this was a goal to end homelessness and to look for the best solutions.

Mr. Freiling Moved that City Council Adopt Resolution #06-11, A Resolution Regarding the Development of a Regional Plan to Address Homelessness. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Scruggs.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

Homeland Security Interoperability Grant, Proposed Resolution #06-12

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated April 13, 2006, which included a copy of the proposed resolution. Mr. Tuttle said that the City has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$75,000 to be used for the purchase of interoperable radio equipment, and recommended adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Freiling Moved That City Council Adopt Proposed Resolution #06-12, Appropriate Department of Homeland Security Grant Funds. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Chohany.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Creation of CP2 District and Use of Vinyl Siding

Mr. Scruggs raised discussion about the issues of creation of the CP2 District and use of vinyl siding at Jamestown Road and Route 199. Council members have discussed these issues many times. Mr. Scruggs was of the opinion that the property owner that applied vinyl siding to his property at Jamestown Road and Route 199 without approval by the city did not do so deliberately. Other property owners in that same area have applied to also use vinyl. Mr. Scruggs said that he believed this was a matter of aesthetic objective. Many people cannot tell the difference between wood and vinyl. The ARB considers the aesthetics. When Council codifies something, they need to consider the cost to property owners. This area provides affordable housing. He suggested that some areas of corridor protection need a different standard, with flexibility to allow property owners to do economically what they need to do on a long term basis. Williamsburg is not a perfect community and it could become "Disneyfied." The Historic Area is sacred, but other areas have many different siding applications and the homes are lower priced. His concern was greater than this one corner. He thanked Council for their indulgence.

Mr. Chohany concurred that we should establish a CP2 District in this quadrant of the city and read his prepared statement (attached).

The Mayor appreciated the arguments made, but did not agree. We do not need another corridor district. Corridor Protection was designed to let people know there is something different when they come to Williamsburg. Creating different districts would be going in the wrong direction. Both the ARB and Planning Commission have recommended against the use of vinyl. Upholding these standards is not a threat to affordable housing.

Mr. Haulman said that after looking into the materials that can be used, such as Hardiplank (which comes in colors and does not need painting), we can put to rest the issues of business friendly and affordable housing, because the costs would be minimally affected over the life of the materials. We can put to rest the argument about the use of vinyl on Lafayette Street because the district was created specifically for what had already happened already in the district and it has no bearing on this question.

Mr. Freiling clarified that we are not placing a burden on a property owner by changing an existing designation in a way to cause them to spend more money or reinvest capital in an existing structure. We are talking about maintaining aesthetic standards that were put in place years ago, that many people have complied with, and if we want to be business friendly, we should be friendly to all of the business that have already invested in their properties. If we change the regulations, that will not give people a fair expectation or a level playing field within which they can compete in the market and invest in their business.

Any business over time has to reinvest in their operation. Rents are market driven and reinvestments are not necessarily cause for increases in the rent.

Mr. Scruggs said that standards can change over time. The question goes back to a matter of aesthetic objectiveness. He suggested that if a CP2 district were established, it should be with high standards. He did not mean to take away from the codes that we have.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Haulman Moved the following appointments:

Ms. Shelley Weisberg to the Williamsburg Arts Commission for a Three-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2009, effective July 1, 2006; and

Mr. Gordan Berryman to the Board of Building Code Appeals, for a five-year term to expire 12-31-2010, effective immediately;

Reappoint

Ms. Mariann Jelinek to the Economic Development Authority for a Four-Year Term to Expire June 8, 2010; and

Ms. Edith Chutkow to the Colonial Service Board for a Three-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2009, effective July 1, 2006; and

Ms. Gwen Williams to the Finance and Audit Committee for a Two-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2008; effective July 1, 2006; and

Mr. Channing M. Hall III, to the Finance and Audit Committee for a Two-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2008; effective July 1, 2006; and

Mr. Philip Serra to the Williamsburg Library Board for a Four-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2010, effective July 1, 2006; and

Mr. Thomas Mainor to the Olde Town Medical Center Board for a Two-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2008, effective July 1, 2006; and

Ms. Lois Lemon to the Social Services Advisory Board for a Four-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2010, effective July 1, 2006; and

Mr. R. Takesian to the Thomas Nelson Community College Board for a Four-Year Term to Expire June 30, 2010, effective July 1, 2006; and

*Recommend the Following Re-Appointments to the Board of Equalization by the Circuit Court Judge: **Mr. Michael Polizzi, Mr. Julius Dell, Mr. Jay Colley, Mr. Dennis Cogle, and Mr. Alan Turnbull**, for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2007.*

The Motion Was Seconded By Mr. Chohany.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

Holly Hills Carriage Homes--Pedestrian Crosswalk: Mr. Chohany proposed that Council consider a resolution to request VDOT to consider a pedestrian crosswalk at Brookwood Drive and Route 199 to provide pedestrian access to the Jamestown Road area. Mr. Tuttle reported that discussion with neighbors and property owners in this area have had no results. A signaled crosswalk at Route 199 and Brookwood Drive has been requested from VDOT without a positive response. The signalized crosswalk at Jamestown Road and Route 199 is an exception, and crosswalks on Route 199 are strongly rejected by VDOT.

Mr. Scruggs noted that Route 199 was a bad road to cross over at any point, and he was not sure he could support this resolution. He would need more information and think about the solution for the neighborhood. Mr. Tuttle said the only other way he knew to move this situation forward would be with a condemnation of an easement over private property.

Mr. Haulman would like information about options along with the resolution.

Mr. Chohany noted the crosswalk would bridge Route 199 to Lake Powell Road, to the Route 199/Jamestown Road crossing. Perhaps the speed should be lowered for the intersections.

Mayor Zeidler said that the Neighborhood Council has discussed this issue and supports the crosswalk as opposed to walking along unpaved ground on Route 199. She noted there is a similar issue at Ironbound Road and Monticello Avenue that needs consideration.

Mr. Tuttle will prepare resolutions concerning the pedestrian crossings for Council's consideration, and will check the status of the Ironbound/Monticello crossing issue.

OPEN FORUM

John Hall, 433 Prince George Street, addressed Council regarding the WAT Bus System and School System. He encouraged citizens, administrators, and Council members to give ample discussion and consideration to improvements of both. The schools' problem is administration and staff, and planning, procedures, and educational planning. The WAT system needs discussion, planning, and procedures for improvement. He spoke in support of senior citizen programs.

Charles Eggleston, Jamestown Commons condominium unit owner, addressed Council regarding the vinyl siding for the building. Historic values need to be preserved in historic areas. The roads in between need to stay in tune with the times. There is no difference in the appearance of quality vinyl siding and wood. Vinyl is economical. Wood costs four times as much as vinyl siding. If the vinyl is properly installed you cannot tell the difference. Please give us a break.

Bill Dell, 322 Indian Springs Road, did not support the creation of a CP2 District. He appreciated Mr. Scruggs concerns for the Peppertree and McCardle properties, but hoped that this issue would not be referred back to the PC and ARB. It is time for this issue to be

put to rest. If vinyl was approved for the corridor, an intolerable precedent would be set for others to avoid existing policy in the CP and AP Districts. Citizens support the time and expense that has been spent to improve our entrance corridors. He asked that Council accept the recommendations of the ARB and PC and bring this issue to closure.

Charlie Glazner, 112 Maxwell Place, owner of Campus Court, South Henry Street, stated that times and materials change, mostly for the better and often at a lesser cost. Today, putting wood on a building and maintaining it is expensive. There are a number of reasonable substitutes in the marketplace and there will be more; many environmentally friendly. He asked that Council keep an open mind.

Don Grosse, 200 Indian Springs Road, said the architectural regulations that have been implemented should be maintained. Many citizens have complied with these regulations and have done it painfully, but willingly to raise the bar, not lower it. He would like to maintain the standards for those who follow.

Jill Grono, resident, Peppertree Condos, said that the units are an eyesore since the widening of Route 199. The Rose and Womble building looks fantastic, and it would improve the condos and look of the city to allow vinyl. Peppertree is one of the only places for affordable housing. She works with Section 8, and there is no affordable housing in Williamsburg—people are looking outside the city. Taking into account that the rental market follows the housing market, costs continue to go up. She supported the use of vinyl siding.

Mike Putt, 103 Sharps Road, supported of the use of simulated (vinyl) siding (example shown). Installation guidelines exist and the siding comes in 16/20 foot lengths. It is a rigid material with foam backing. He considered the Route 199/Jamestown Road intersection more of a thoroughfare, not a corridor. Peppertree is not on the city subdivision list—it is forgotten. Lafayette Street is more important as a city corridor.

At the Mayor's request, Mr. Tuttle summarized past review and decisions regarding the matters of the Design Guidelines, CP2 District, vinyl siding, and the process to review a change to the Design Guidelines recently adopted. There are pending ARB appeal cases regarding the use of vinyl siding on the McCardle Building, Peppertree Condos, and Jamestown Condos. The appeals were put on hold while the Guidelines were being restudied, and now the appeals will be reactivated. They should come before Council in the near future for a decision.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Approved: June 8, 2008

Jeanne Zeidler
Mayor

Shelia Y. Crist, Clerk of Council

MR. CHOYAN'S COMMENTS—MAY 11, 2006

I'm comfortable that we as "Council" do not always see "eye to eye" on issues in our City. It would not serve our citizens well if that were the case.

Having said that, I believe that we should establish a Corridor protection 2 in the section of the city, in my opinion, this quadrant of Williamsburg merits the designations.

Yesterday in the Economic Development Authorities meeting we heard a presentation from Ryan Davidson, an undergraduate from the College of William and Mary. We have been fortunate enough to have Ryan work with us as an intern this semester. His presentation was a compress inventory of a class assignment that Dr Jelnick (a Member of the EDA) had her MBA students work on as a class assignment. Presentations we're made in early spring and numerous members, including myself attended these classes at the college. Nevertheless, Ryan's executive version of the MBA study cited numerous elements that exactly support why we would need to consider this designation to CP2.

The report stated that we have a need for affordable housing (page 7 of hand-out)

I would say this portion of our city, has serviced for years, supplying affordable housing to the community and its residents. Affordable housing should be encouraged and allowed to do so with our support. I would proffer that this location needs the relief and the timing is perfect. This quadrant of the city is in dire need of maintenance and repair, since the comprehensive plan is being updated, the timing is right. I am concerned with the possibilities of deterioration and dilapidation of these builds if relief is not provided. This outcome of "do nothing approach" is not in the cities best interest. Should we enforce current siding policy the cost factor might run the risk of price that product out of the market as "affordable housing". It has been stated that the cost would ultimately be passed on to the resident causing additional unnecessary burden and making the affordable housing less affordable to our residents and in some cause the students.

It is my belief that when you have citizens living on various street, in apartments, townhouses condos those residents (if enough of them) constitutes a "neighborhood". This portion of the city has a unique neighborhood quality.

In our City Document "Goals and Objectives" under the section Neighborhoods and Housing, it states

Protect and enhance the quality of the city's residential neighborhoods, and encourage the provision of affordable housing for city residents and workers.

In the report from the MBA's it illuminates that on page 5, 192 businesses were surveyed and some of the survey statistic on page 6 , revealed (half way down the document) that as a "Compliant" -----Code compliance , especially sign requirements were challenging in the City.

We talk about often in the City, "we are business friendly." I would suggest that our staff and personnel are exceptional and go beyond the call of duty and I'm impressed with their commitment. We just happen to have very strict guidelines, and thus, their interruptions. At times is construed to reflect that we are not business friendly. It is incumbent of us to review these policies from time to time and evaluate whether circumstances warrant a change in the policy.

I would offer to my fellow members of council that the circumstances are compelling enough and the time is right to establish the CP2 district, to give relief to these residents and businesses.

Here's where the rubber meets the road: Are we going to talk about it?, or will we put our spoken word into action! In our most recent election we heard from all candidates about affordable house and neighborhood preservation and the importance—I suggest we preserve and protect!

The creation of CP2 would stimulate a proactive revitalization and economic development in this sector of our city.

Making reinvestment more affordable and not sacrificing our cities standards and level of quality.

Be student friendly, resident friendly and foe fill or pledge for supporting affordable house without adding undue burden on the taxpayers

CP2--- just makes sense, especially as we move into Business Appreciation Week.